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WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Unofficially it was learned to-day that the Department of Justice does not consider that the courts of the United States have jurisdiction over the foreign steamship companies named in the Government's suit recently filed in New York.

A conference at the department to-day had for its object the framing of a law which will create jurisdiction for the case, a bill introduced early in the week by Representative William E. Humphrey of Washington being used as the basis. This bill bars the accused companies from American ports unless they desist from the "Atlantic conference," which the Government holds is a restraint of trade.

Representatives Alexander, Swasey, and Humphrey of the House Merchant Marine Committee had a long conference with W. S. Kenyon, assistant to the Attorney General in charge of the trust prosecutions, at which it was agreed that the Humphrey bill, with some additions and changes, would be satisfactory to the Department of Justice if Attorney General Wickersham approves.

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